

In the Claims:

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24. (Currently amended) A restricting device for a closure including a vent hingedly connected to a frame, the restricting device being adapted to act between the vent and the frame, and comprising a mounting plate, a support plate having an aperture therethrough, an arm, and means for releasably interengaging the arm and the mounting plate, wherein, in use, when the mounting plate and the arm are interengaged, the closure can only be opened a predetermined distance, the means for releasably interengaging the arm and the mounting plate comprising:

a resilient strip having two legs positioned between the mounting plate and the support plate; and

a locking pin connected at a first end to the arm and comprising a head at a second end opposed to the first end and a neck between the first and the second ends having a diameter less than a diameter of the head, the head and neck dimensioned to permit a snap fit between the resilient strip legs, the mounting plate having an aperture for admitting a key having an eccentric head therethrough and a protrusion extending from a distal end thereof, the key head having a first and a second cross-sectional dimension, the second cross-sectional dimension greater than the first cross-sectional dimension and greater than a separation between the legs, the mounting plate aperture positioned and dimensioned for admitting the key head between the legs with the key head having the first cross-sectional dimension aligned with the legs, a turning of the key operative to force the legs apart to a sufficient width to release the locking pin from engagement with the resilient strip, the key head protrusion extending into the support plate aperture, the support plate

aperture comprising a feature for preventing the key head protrusion, and thereby the key, to turn beyond a predetermined angle a resilient means adapted to engage a locking pin; engagement between the arm and the plate being released by releasing the resilient means, the means for releasing the resilient means being separate from the rest of the device.

25. (New) The restricting device recited in Claim 24, wherein the resilient means is mounted on the plate and the locking pin is mounted on the arm.

26-28. (Cancelled)

29. (Currently amended) The restricting device recited in Claim [[28]] 24, wherein the resilient strip comprises a resilient metal strip.

30-36. (Cancelled)

37. (Currently amended) The restricting device recited in Claim 36, wherein the specially-shaped portion of the key protrusion has a semi-circular cross section, and the support plate aperture specially-shaped hole in the plate includes a V-shaped notch, the key rotatable through approximately 90° between a first position in which the specially shaped portion of the key protrusion abuts a first edge of the notch and a second position in which the specially-shaped portion of the key protrusion abuts a second edge of the notch.

38. (Previously presented) The restricting device recited in Claim 24, wherein the arm is pivotally mountable on a track.

39. (Currently amended) The restricting device recited in Claim 38, wherein the track comprises arm is mountable on a C-section track.

40. (Previously presented) The restricting device recited in Claim 38, wherein the arm is pivotally mountable on a slider that is mounted in the track.

41. (Currently amended) The restricting device recited in Claim 40, wherein the slider comprises arm is pivotally mountable on a friction slider.

42. (Previously presented) The restricting device recited in Claim 38, wherein the arm is pivotally mountable on a track comprising stops.

43. (Currently amended) [[An]] A closable aperture comprising one of a window and a door comprising a frame, a vent hingedly connected to the frame, and a restricting device adapted to act between the vent and the frame, the restricting device comprising a mounting plate, a support plate having an aperture therethrough, an arm, and means for releasably interengaging the arm and the mounting plate, wherein, in use, when the mounting plate and the arm are interengaged, the closure can only be opened a predetermined distance, the means for releasably interengaging the arm and the mounting plate comprising;

a resilient strip having two legs positioned between the mounting plate and the support plate; and

a locking pin connected at a first end to the arm and comprising a head at a second end opposed to the first end and a neck between the first and the second ends having a diameter less than a diameter of the head, the head and neck dimensioned to permit a snap fit between the resilient strip legs, the mounting plate having an aperture for admitting a key having an eccentric head therethrough and a protrusion extending from a distal end thereof, the key head having a first and a second cross-sectional dimension, the second cross-sectional dimension greater than the first cross-sectional dimension and greater than a separation between the legs, the mounting plate aperture positioned and dimensioned for admitting the key head between the legs with the key head having the first cross-sectional dimension aligned with the legs, a turning of the key operative to force the legs apart to a sufficient width to release the locking pin from engagement with the resilient strip, the key head protrusion extending into the support plate aperture, the support plate aperture comprising a feature for preventing the key head protrusion, and thereby the key, to turn beyond a predetermined angle a resilient means adapted to engage a locking pin; engagement between the arm and the plate being released by releasing the resilient means; the means for releasing the resilient means being separate from the rest of the device.

44. (Cancelled)

45. (New) A restricting system for a closure including a vent hingedly connected to a frame, the restricting device being adapted to act between the vent and the frame, and comprising a mounting plate, a support plate having an aperture therethrough, an arm, and means for releasably interengaging the arm and the mounting plate, wherein, in use, when the mounting plate and the arm are interengaged, the closure can only be opened a predetermined distance, the means for releasably interengaging the arm and the mounting plate comprising:

a resilient strip having two legs positioned between the mounting plate and the support plate;

a key having an eccentric head and a protrusion extending from a distal end thereof, the key head having a first and a second cross-sectional dimension, the second cross-sectional dimension greater than the first cross-sectional dimension and greater than a separation between the legs; and

a locking pin connected at a first end to the arm and comprising a head at a second end opposed to the first end and a neck between the first and the second ends having a diameter less than a diameter of the head, the head and neck dimensioned to permit a snap fit between the resilient strip legs, the mounting plate having an aperture positioned and dimensioned for admitting the key head between the legs with the key head having the first cross-sectional dimension aligned with the legs, a turning of the key operative to force the legs apart to a sufficient width to release the locking pin from engagement with the resilient strip, the key head protrusion extending into the support plate aperture, the support plate aperture comprising a feature for preventing the key head protrusion, and thereby the key, to turn beyond a predetermined angle.